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REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES ON ITS FORTY-FIFTH SESSION

Ireland*, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal* and Romania: draft resolution

United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery

The Commission on Human Rights,

Recalling article 4 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and article 8 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which state that no one shall be held in slavery or servitude,

Affirming that the struggle to eliminate slavery includes the provision of assistance to the victims and to the representatives of non-governmental organizations dealing with issues of contemporary forms of slavery,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 46/122 of 17 December 1991, in which the Assembly decided to establish a voluntary trust fund on contemporary forms of slavery,

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* In accordance with rule 69, para. 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Convinced that the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery will play an important role in the protection of the human rights of victims of contemporary forms of slavery,

1. Welcomes the appointment by the Secretary-General of a Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/122;

2. Expresses its grave concern at the present financial situation of the Fund due to a lack of contributions;

3. Appeals again to all Governments, organizations and individuals in a position to do so to respond favourably to requests for contributions to the Fund, if possible on a regular basis;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to transmit to all Governments the appeal of the Commission on Human Rights for contributions to the Fund;

5. Repeats its request to the Secretary-General to make use of all existing possibilities to assist the Board of Trustees of the Fund, inter alia through the preparation, production and dissemination of information material, in its efforts to make the Fund and its humanitarian work better known.

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Czech Republic*, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland*, Netherlands, Philippines, Poland, Portugal*, Romania, Slovakia*, United States of America: draft resolution

Report of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities

The Commission on Human Rights,

Recalling the provisions of the Slavery Convention of 1926, the Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery of 1956 and the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others of 1949, as well as article 4 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and article 8 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which state that no one shall be held in slavery or servitude,

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* In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Taking note of the report of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery on its eighteenth session (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1993/30), submitted to the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at its forty-fifth session,

Recalling its resolution 1982/20 of 10 March 1982 on the question of slavery and the slave trade in all their practices and manifestations and its resolutions on the reports of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Sub-Commission, including the most recent, resolution 1993/27 of 5 March 1993,

Recalling its encouragement of the Sub-Commission, including its Working Group, to continue to elaborate recommendations on the ways and means of establishing an effective mechanism for the implementation of the Conventions on slavery on the basis of the study prepared by the Secretary-General on this issue (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1989/37),

Having considered the relevant resolutions of the Sub-Commission, including the most recent, resolutions 1993/5 and 1993/7 of 20 August 1993,

Noting the recommendation of the Sub-Commission, contained in its resolution 1993/7, that the Commission create for a period of three years a working group on contemporary forms of slavery, composed of five independent experts with relevant experience in the field of human rights and contemporary forms of slavery in particular, with the task of monitoring the application of the Conventions on slavery through the examination of the information it receives,

Considering that the Sub-Commission in its resolution 1993/7 did not elaborate on the issue of whether a new working group on contemporary forms of slavery under the auspices of the Commission would prove an effective mechanism for the implementation of the Conventions on slavery,

Also considering that the desirability of establishing such a working group must be assessed inter alia in the light of the current mandate of the existing Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, of the need for avoiding duplication of effort and of other possible options for establishing an effective mechanism for the implementation of the Conventions on slavery,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/48 of 28 July 1993 and its earlier resolutions on the subject,

Taking note of the information on the state of implementation of the Programme of Action for the Prevention of the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography submitted by States, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations contained in the report of the Working Group submitted pursuant to paragraph 6 of Sub-Commission resolution 1992/2 and transmitted to the Commission (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1993/31 and Add.1),

Taking note also of the draft programme of action for the prevention of traffic in persons and the exploitation of the prostitution of others contained in the report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.4/1994/71 and Add.1),

Recalling that the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights, calls for eliminating the exploitation of and trafficking in women and combating the exploitation and abuse of children,

Gravely concerned that slavery, the slave trade, slavery-like practices and even modern manifestations of this phenomenon still exist, representing some of the gravest violations of human rights,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities for its valuable work, in particular the progress made at its eighteenth session in implementing its programme of work, and for its flexible methods of work;

2. Expresses its grave concern at manifestations of contemporary forms of slavery as reported to the Working Group;

3. Invites the Sub-Commission at its forty-sixth session to clarify its position on the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery and to review its resolution 1993/7 of 20 August 1993 in the light of the current mandate of the existing Working Group, of the need for avoiding duplication of effort, and of other possible options for establishing an effective mechanism for the implementation of the Conventions on slavery, taking into account the observations contained in the study prepared by the Secretary-General on this issue (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1989/37) and also taking into account any observations the Working Group may have;

4. Invites the Sub-Commission to submit to the Commission at its fifty-first session its recommendation(s) for establishing an effective mechanism for

the implementation of the Conventions on slavery in order to enable the Commission to take a well-considered decision on the matter;

5. Also invites the Sub-Commission to consider strengthening its involvement in the activities of the existing Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery as an alternative to establishing a new mechanism for the implementation of the Conventions on slavery;

6. Recommends that the Sub-Commission consider the possibility of giving guidelines to the Working Group for setting priorities in the field of its activities;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to invite States parties to the Slavery Convention of 1926, the Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery of 1956 and the Convention for the Suppression of Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others of 1949 to submit to the Working Group regular reports on the situation in their countries, as provided for under the Conventions;

8. Invites those eligible States that have not ratified or acceded to the relevant Conventions to consider doing so as soon as possible or to explain in writing, if they so wish, why they feel unable to do so, and invites them to consider providing information regarding their national legislation and practices in this field;

9. Invites intergovernmental organizations, relevant organizations of the United Nations system, including the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations University, the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the World Tourism Organization, as well as the International Criminal Police Organization and non-governmental organizations concerned, to supply relevant information to the Working Group;

10. Appeals to all Governments to send representatives to the sessions of the Working Group;

11. Calls upon all relevant non-governmental organizations, including those interested in the rights of children and women, to attend the sessions of the Working Group;

12. Recommends that Governments avail themselves of the possibility of requesting assistance under the United Nations programme of advisory services in the field of human rights and of the technical assistance programmes of the specialized agencies, in particular that of the International Labour Office;

13. Also recommends that the supervisory bodies of the International labour Organisation give particular attention in their work to the implementation of provisions and standards designed to ensure the protection of children and other persons exposed to contemporary forms of slavery;

14. Invites all Member States to consider the possibility of taking appropriate action for the protection of particularly vulnerable groups, such as children and migrant women, against exploitation by prostitution and other slavery-like practices, including the possibility of establishing national bodies to achieve this objective;

15. Encourages all Governments to consider, in the context of the Programme of Action for the Prevention of the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, the creation of programmes aimed at the social rehabilitation of all persons involved in prostitution, and of children in particular;

16. Invites the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children to continue to provide the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery with his valuable assistance;

17. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to seek the views of States concerning the draft programme of action for the prevention of traffic in persons and the exploitation of the prostitution of others;

18. Requests Governments to pursue a policy of information, prevention and rehabilitation of children and women victims of the exploitation of prostitution and to take the appropriate economic and social measures deemed necessary to that effect;

19. Recalls that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1993/48 of 28 July 1993, requested the Secretary-General to submit a further report to the Council on the steps taken by Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations to implement the recommendations contained in Council resolution 1983/30 of 26 May 1983, and

invites the Working Group to take these reports into account, inter alia, when identifying lacunae and policy options;

20. Recalls once again its request to the Secretary-General to designate the Centre for Human Rights as the focal point for the coordination of activities in the United Nations system for the suppression of contemporary forms of slavery;

21. Welcomes the decision of the Secretary-General to reassign to the Working Group a Professional staff member of the Centre for Human Rights, as was the case in the past, to work on a permanent basis to ensure continuity and close coordination within and outside the Centre on issues relating to contemporary forms of slavery.

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Australia, Bolivia*, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Denmark*, Greece*, Mexico, Norway*, and New Zealand*: draft resolution

INTERNATIONAL DECADE OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

The Commission on Human Rights,

Guided by the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenants on Human Rights,

Bearing in mind that one of the purposes of the United Nations, as set forth in its Charter, is the achievement of international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 42/171 of 11 December 1987 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/63 of 27 July 1988 and its annex, related to guidelines for international decades,

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* In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 45/164 of 18 December 1990, which proclaimed 1993 as the International Year of the World's Indigenous People, with a view to strengthening international cooperation for the solution of problems faced by indigenous people in the areas, inter alia, of human rights, the environment, development, education and health,

Acknowledging the significance of the Year in raising international awareness of the contribution of, and problems faced by, indigenous people throughout the world, and aware of the need to build on the results and lessons of the Year,

Recognizing the importance of consulting and cooperating with indigenous people, the need for financial support from the international community, including support from within the United Nations system and the specialized agencies, the need for a strategic planning framework and the need for adequate coordination and communication channels,

Expressing its appreciation of the work undertaken by the Coordinator of the Year, the Centre for Human Rights, the International Labour Organisation, the Goodwill Ambassador, Ms. Rigoberta Menchu, and the Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Recognizing the value and the diversity of the cultures and the forms of social organization of the world's indigenous people,

Welcoming the report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, in which the vital role of indigenous people and their communities in the interrelationship between the natural environment and its sustainable development is recognized, including their holistic traditional scientific knowledge of their lands, natural resources and environment,

Noting the recommendations included in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights to proclaim an international decade of the world's indigenous people, including action-oriented programmes to be decided upon in partnership with indigenous people,

Noting further the decision of the General Assembly that, beginning in the first year of the Decade, one day of every year shall be observed as the International Day of Indigenous People,

1. Welcomes the decision of the General Assembly to proclaim the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, commencing on 10 December 1994;

2. Welcomes also the decision of the General Assembly that the goal of the Decade should be the strengthening of international cooperation for the solution of problems faced by indigenous people in such areas as human rights, the environment, development, education and health;

3. Recognizes the importance of developing partnerships based on mutual respect and understanding with indigenous people in striving to achieve cooperative action to address those issues of concern to indigenous people;

4. Notes that the period from 1 January to 9 December 1994 is to be set aside for planning for the Decade in partnership with indigenous people and emphasizes the need for careful planning and full collaboration and consultation with indigenous people in all aspects of preparation and planning for, and implementation of, activities during the Decade;

5. Invites the Working Group on Indigenous Populations to propose at its next session an appropriate date for one day of every year to be observed as the International Day of Indigenous People, following consultations with indigenous representatives;

6. Requests the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights as the Coordinator of the Decade to coordinate the international programme of activities for the Decade in full collaboration and consultation with Governments, competent bodies, regional organizations, the International Labour Organisation and other specialized agencies of the United Nations, and indigenous and non-governmental organizations;

7. Also requests the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, bearing in mind the contribution that indigenous people can make, to establish a unit within the Centre for Human Rights to support its activities related to indigenous people and in particular to plan, coordinate and implement activities for the Decade;

8. Further requests the Secretary-General to make available adequate human and financial resources from within existing resources to enable the unit in the Centre for Human Rights to carry out the full range of its tasks

associated with the planning, coordination and implementation of activities for the Decade, including documentation, communication and data processing needs;

9. Urges United Nations bodies and specialized agencies to designate focal points for coordination with the Centre for Human Rights of activities related to the Decade;

10. Encourages Governments to establish national committees or other mechanisms involving indigenous people to ensure that objectives and activities for the Decade are planned and implemented on the basis of full partnership with indigenous people;

11. Requests specialized agencies, regional commissions and other organizations of the United Nations system to develop with Governments in partnership with indigenous people how they can contribute to the success of the Decade, and to transmit their recommendations to the Coordinator and to the Economic and Social Council;

12. Appeals to the specialized agencies, regional commissions, financial and development institutions and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system to increase their efforts to take into special account the needs of indigenous people in developing evaluation mechanisms, budgeting and programming, including through an examination of how existing programmes and resources might be utilized to benefit indigenous people more effectively and through exploration of ways in which indigenous perspectives and activities can be included or enhanced;

13. Invites indigenous organizations and other interested non-governmental organizations to consider the contributions they can make to the success of the Decade through specific objectives, programmes and activities, with a view to presenting them to the Working Group on Indigenous Populations;

14. Requests that the meeting to be convened in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/128, with full participation of indigenous people, review the International Year of the World's Indigenous People and also consider preparations for the Decade, particularly with regard to the elaboration of a detailed plan of action, including an evaluation mechanism based on measurable criteria and a suggested funding plan for the Decade, and that the meeting report to the next session of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations;

15. Requests the Working Group on Indigenous Populations to identify possible programmes, projects and other activities in connection with the

Decade and to submit them through the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-first session;

16. Requests the Secretary-General to establish a Voluntary Fund for the Decade, and authorizes him to seek, accept and administer voluntary contributions from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other private institutions and individuals for the purpose of funding projects and programmes during the Decade;

17. Urges Governments and intergovernmental organizations and invites indigenous organizations, non-governmental organizations and other private institutions and individuals to contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the Decade to be established by the Secretary-General;

18. Invites Governments, competent United Nations bodies and specialized agencies and other intergovernmental institutions, including financial institutions, to consider providing additional resources to finance the employment or placement, including indigenous staff, to the unit in the Centre for Human Rights, bearing in mind the need for equitable geographical balance;

19. Requests the Secretary-General to give all the assistance necessary to ensure the success of the Decade;

20. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit a preliminary report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session and a further report at its fiftieth session on a comprehensive programme of activities for the Decade;

21. Decides to consider the subject of the Decade at its fifty-first session.

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Canada, Colombia, Denmark*, Finland, Hungary, Norway* and Venezuela: draft resolution

Human rights and disability

The Commission on Human Rights,

Mindful of the pledge made by States, under the Charter of the United Nations, to take action jointly and separately, in cooperation with the United Nations, in order to promote a better quality of life, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress and development,

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* In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Reaffirming the commitment to human rights and fundamental freedoms, social justice and the dignity and worth of the human person proclaimed in the Charter,

Recalling in particular the international standards of human rights laid down in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Noting that the rights proclaimed in those instruments should be ensured equally to all individuals without discrimination,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/26 of 24 May 1990 and the detailed enumeration in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action of specific measures required for the attainment of full equality by persons with disabilities,

Recalling also the final report on human rights and disability of the Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, Mr. Leandro Despouy (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1991/31),

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 48/96 of 20 December 1993, in which the Assembly adopted the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, and in particular the decision to appoint, within the framework of the Commission for Social Development, a special rapporteur to monitor the implementation of the Standard Rules (Part IV, para. 2),

1. Calls upon the Secretary-General to maintain the integrity of programmes within the United Nations system relating to disabled persons, including the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability, in order to promote the rights and the equalization of opportunities and full inclusion within societies of persons with disabilities;

2. Welcomes the work done by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to draw attention to the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on human rights and disability;

3. Also welcomes the call by the General Assembly to States to apply the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 48/96 of 20 December 1993;

4. Urges States to cooperate fully with the Special Rapporteur appointed, within the framework of the Commission for Social Development, to monitor the

implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and to meet his requests for information;

5. Also urges States to cooperate fully in the provision of relevant data to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;

6. Encourages all the human rights treaty-monitoring bodies to respond positively to its invitation to monitor the compliance of States with their commitments under the relevant human rights instruments in order to ensure the full enjoyment of those rights by disabled persons;

7. Urges non-governmental organizations active in the protection and promotion of persons with disabilities to provide relevant information to the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights and the Centre for Human Rights;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to report biennially to the General Assembly on the progress of efforts to ensure the full recognition and enjoyment of the human rights of disabled people;

9. Reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that the rights of persons with disabilities and their concern for full participation in community affairs continue to be addressed in all of its work;

10. Decides to continue to consider the question at its fifty-first session under the agenda item "Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities".

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Australia, Belgium*, Bolivia*, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Denmark*, Finland, Greece*, Iceland*, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand, Nicaragua*, Norway*, Portugal*, Russian Federation and Sweden*: draft resolution

A PERMANENT FORUM IN THE UNITED NATIONS FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

The Commission on Human Rights,

Guided by the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenants on Human Rights,

Recalling the recommendations pertaining to indigenous people included in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights, in particular the recommendation that the establishment of a permanent forum for indigenous people in the United Nations system be considered,

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* In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Recalling the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development to involve indigenous people and their communities in the United Nations programmes of environment and development as stated in article 22 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development and in chapter 26 of Agenda 21,

Recalling also that the General Assembly, in its resolution 48/163 of 21 December 1993 on the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People requested the Commission on Human Rights, at its fiftieth session, to give priority consideration to the establishment of a permanent forum for indigenous people within the United Nations system,

Recognizing the importance of increased incorporation of the values, views and knowledge of indigenous people into relevant aspects of the programmes and activities of the United Nations system,

Taking into consideration the desirability of consulting indigenous organizations in the consideration of the establishment of a permanent forum,

Acknowledging the important role of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations in this respect,

1. Requests the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, to invite Governments and indigenous organizations to express their views pertaining to the possibility of establishing a permanent forum for indigenous people and to transmit to the Working Group on Indigenous Populations prior to its twelfth session contributions received, together with a technical note addressing institutional issues related thereto;

2. Requests the Working Group on Indigenous Populations, at its twelfth session, to give priority consideration to the possible establishment of a permanent forum for indigenous people and to submit its suggestions for alternatives, through the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-first session;

3. Decides to consider the question of a permanent forum at its fifty-first session.

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Afghanistan*, Algeria*, Argentina*, Azerbaijan*, Brazil, Cameroon, Colombia, Cuba, Czech Republic*, Guatemala*, Nicaragua*, Peru, Philippines*, Spain*, Sri Lanka, Turkey*, Uruguay and Venezuela: draft resolution

Human rights and terrorism

The Commission on Human Rights,

Guided by the principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenants on Human Rights,

Bearing in mind that the most essential and basic human right is the right to life,

Recalling the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 48/122 of 20 December 1993, its own resolution 1993/48 of 9 March 1993 and resolutions 1993/13 of 20 August 1993 and 1993/23 of 23 August 1993 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

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* In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

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Reiterating that all Member States have an obligation to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms, and also that every individual should strive to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance,

Deeply concerned at the gross violations of human rights perpetrated by terrorist groups,

Profoundly deploring the increasing number of innocent persons, including women, children and the elderly, killed, massacred and maimed by terrorists in indiscriminate and random acts of violence and terror, which cannot be justified under any circumstances,

1. Reiterating the unequivocal condemnation of all acts, methods and practices of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, wherever and by whomever committed, as aggression aimed at the destruction of human rights, fundamental freedoms and democracy, threatening the territorial integrity and security of States, destabilizing legitimately constituted Governments, undermining pluralistic civil society and having adverse consequences on the economic and social development of States;

2. Calls upon States to take all necessary and effective measures, in conformity with international standards of human rights, to prevent, combat and eliminate terrorism, and urges the international community to enhance cooperation in the fight against terrorism at the national, regional and international levels;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue collecting information on this question from all relevant sources and to make it available to the special rapporteurs and working groups concerned for their consideration;

4. Urges all thematic special rapporteurs and working groups to address comprehensively the consequences of the acts, methods and practices of terrorist groups in their forthcoming reports to the Commission;

5. Requests the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to undertake as soon as possible a study on the question of terrorism and human rights;

6. Decides to continue its consideration of the question as a matter of priority at its fifty-first session.

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FURTHER PROMOTION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF THE ROGRAMME AND METHODS OF WORK OF THE COMMISSION

Afghanistan*, Algeria*, Argentina*, Azerbaijan*, Brazil, Cameroon, Colombia, Cuba, Czech Republic*, Guatemala*, Nicaragua*, Peru, Philippines*, Spain*, Sri Lanka, Turkey*, Uruguay and Venezuela: draft resolution

Human rights and terrorism

The Commission on Human Rights,

Guided by the principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenants on Human Rights,

Bearing in mind that the most essential and basic human right is the right to life,

Recalling the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 48/122 of 20 December 1993, its own resolution 1993/48 of 9 March 1993 and resolutions 1993/13 of 20 August 1993 and 1993/23 of 23 August 1993 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

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* In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

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Reiterating that all Member States have an obligation to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms, and also that every individual should strive to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance,

Deeply concerned at the gross violations of human rights perpetrated by terrorist groups,

Profoundly deploring the increasing number of innocent persons, including women, children and the elderly, killed, massacred and maimed by terrorists in indiscriminate and random acts of violence and terror, which cannot be justified under any circumstances,

1. Reiterates the unequivocal condemnation of all acts, methods and practices of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, wherever and by whomever committed, as acts of aggression aimed at the destruction of human rights, fundamental freedoms and democracy, threatening the territorial integrity and security of States, destabilizing legitimately constituted Governments, undermining pluralistic civil society and having adverse consequences on the economic and social development of States;

2. Calls upon States to take all necessary and effective measures, in conformity with international standards of human rights, to prevent, combat and eliminate terrorism, and urges the international community to enhance cooperation in the fight against terrorism at the national, regional and international levels;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to collect information on this question from all relevant sources and to make it available to the special rapporteurs and working groups concerned for their consideration;

4. Urges all thematic special rapporteurs and working groups to address as appropriate the consequences of the acts, methods and practices of terrorist groups in their forthcoming reports to the Commission;

5. Requests the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to consider the possibility of undertaking a study on the question of terrorism and human rights in the context of its procedures;

6. Decides to continue its consideration of the question as a matter of priority at its fifty-first session.